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1. IN A FEBRUARY 16 MEETING WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULRAHMAN AL MANSOURI THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE QUESTION OF SAUDI-SOMALI RELATIONS AND INQUIRED WHETHER THE KINGDOM WAS PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA. MANSOURI REPLIED THAT SOME TIME AGO SAUDI ARABIA HAD ESTABLISHED A $40 MILLION PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS OF ABOUT $12-15 MILLION. SOON AFTERWARDS SOMALI-SAUDI RELATIONS CHILLED APPRECIABLY BUT THE SAG DECIDED THAT IT WOULD HONOR ITS COMMITMENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY COMPLETED THE $40 MILLION AID PROGRAM.

2. THE AMBASSADOR INQUIRED WHETHER SAUDI ARABIA IS NOW CONSIDERING RENEWING AID TO SOMALIA. MANSOURI (WHO PLAUS-
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IBLY CLAIMED THAT HE IS THE INITIAL DRAFTER OF SAUDI POLICY TOWARDS THAT PART OF THE WORLD) REPLIED THAT A REASSESSMENT WAS IN FACT UNDERWAY AND THAT THE SAG WAS CONSIDERING AN AID PROGRAM WHICH COULD BE AS LARGE AS $300 MILLION. MAN-SOURI SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF SUCH AN AID PROGRAM WOULD BE TO REDUCE SOMALI DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIETS. HE EMPHASIIZED HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING HAD YET BEEN DECIDED.

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3. HE SAID THE SAG INTENDS TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE RUSSIANS TO ACHIEVE THEIR APPARENT GOAL OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH BOTH ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA. THE SAUDIS BELIEVE THAT THE NEW ETHIOPIAN REGIME HAS TURNED MARKEDLY TOWARDS THE SOVIETS, AND THE SAG INTENDS TO EXPLOIT THE OPPORTUNITY THIS PRESENTS.

4. FOR OTHER SOURCES WE HAVE LEARNED THAT PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE'S SON-IN-LAW AND CHIEF OF THE SOMALI NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICE WAS IN THE KINGDOM ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO AND SAW CROWN PRINCE FAHD. HE REPORTEDLY GAVE PRINCE FAHD A LETTER FROM SIAD BARRE ASKING FOR SAUDI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, PARTIALLY ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE SOVIETS WERE NOW MORE INTERESTED IN ETHIOPIA THAN SOMALIA. HE ALSO ALLUDED TO THE DANGER OF A COUP AGAINST PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE BY SOVIET-BACKED VICE PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD ALI SAMANTAR.
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